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Dodge County Land Conservation
Committee Meeting Minutes
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039
December 19, 2016

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on December 19, 2016 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

1. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Larry Bischoff, William Foley, Allen Behl, Dale Macheel, Bill Muche and Dick Fink. Lisa Derr arrived late.

Other Dodge County Board Members and Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician, Jim Mielke, Sarah Eske, Director of Human Resources and Michael Burg, USDA Wildlife Services

2. Excused: Marc Bethke, County Conservationist
3. Allen moved to permit the Chair to deviate from agenda to efficiently conduct meeting which was seconded by Bill Foley. Motion carried.
4. Approval of November minutes: Motion by Allen seconded by Bill Foley to approve the minutes of November 21, 2016 as sent by mail.
5. Public appearances/comment: None
6. Agency Advisor Monthly Reports: Matt Peplinski, FSA Coordinator talked about the election of FSA board members being delayed and taking place today.
7. Review of bills and revenue: John Bohonek reviewed bills and revenue as shown on the attached listing.
8. Consideration of 2016 Wildlife crop Damage Claims (Mike Burg, USDA-

APHIS, Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service) Mike Berg presented 4 claims for wildlife damage from Geese. Motion by Dick Fink to approve the claims which was seconded by Bill Mucche. Motion carried.

9. Report on Nonpoint Runoff Work Group progress. Bill Boettge gave an additional follow up on the producer-led program on February 8, 2017.

10. Bill moved and Allen seconded to donate \$1500.00 to Nonpoint Runoff Work Group. Motion carried.

11. Land & Water Resource Management Program: Monthly Report & Consider 2015 Cost Share Agreement Extension Request. There is \$2,040.25 left in the cost share program which can be used by people that have already contacted the county about putting in a waterway.

12. Consideration of Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fees for 2017. Every year Dodge County looks at the fees that will be charged. There are three fees including "earnest money fee" of \$1,000 (\$1,250 with increase) up front and then is refunded to owner upon completion. Second is \$750 for permanent manure storage (\$1,000 with fee increase) which is not refundable. Third, if there is a transfer system, that fee is only \$400 (\$500 with fee increase) which is not refundable. John recommends that they stay the same. Allen moved to increase fees by 25% and Derr seconded. Motion carried.

13. Farmland Preservation Program, software tracking update, Notices of Noncompliance. There was a discussion of how Certificates of compliance are based on who is the owner. Dodge County has 560 participants in FPP but over 700 COC including trusts, corporations, partnerships. Therefore, some will get multiple certificates. There will be a significant number of certificates which may all be updated to one certificate. 40 participants do not meet the standards of appropriate nutrient management plan. Dick moved to accept notices of noncompliance and Bill seconded. Motion carried.

As for software, to help track certificates adequately, there was a meeting with IT where ACCESS is going to try to do temporary solution to help land conservation track parcel numbers. The company GCS which is used by Land Information may develop a system that is similar to Transcendent. By communicating to land records, it will flag parcel changes throughout the year. John Duckert will be working on that and we will have a follow up later.

14. Consideration of Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Annual Conference at Elkhardt Lake – March 15-17, 2017. Discussed opportunity for both staff and committee members attending.
15. Consideration of 2017 Membership dues for WI. Land and Water Conservation Association for \$1,641 (increase of \$20 last year.) Standards oversight committee reviews standards depending on regulations and their application including state and federal. Allen moves we contribute \$1,641 for land and water conservation association for 2017 and Bill Foley seconded. Motion passed.
16. County Conservationist Monthly Report: There have been significant work activities and issues including Land Conservationist Leave Update by Human Resources Director.
17. Discuss Well Testing results - Well testing results included 66 samples. In 2007, a study was done over a 10-year period and Marc agreed to refresh the information two townships at a time.

100% is below the state standard 83% arsenic .010 is threshold 1.301 copper = we had 6% of wells were over and were non-drinkable above .30 iron – 8 to 18 mgs per day. 8 wells above iron limit for well water. 10.1 part per million was limit for Nitrates and 16 wells (24%) were above that amount. Seven wells have coliform. Six wells have both coliform and high nitrates. Again, septic issues are not necessarily related to well water quality. Back in 1950's the main concern with wells was water flow. The manganese limit is .050 above which causes neurological disorders and 2 wells above that limit. Committee discussed contacting Jodie Langfelt is the public health officer for dissemination of information to the public.

18. Committee Member Reports -

- a. Dale Macheel reported on Fox Lake regarding complaint on area spreading. The district want to know the regulations regarding spreading. They want someone to come in from DATCAP and explain that. Mike Carlson from DNR knows the people.
- b. Bill Muche reported that Ruth Johnson resigned from Lake Sinnissippi District. She is going to spend more time participating in the nonpoint pollution group. They will start testing wells in May and placing rock around Anthony Island. They put in a geotube and are looking for new

new boat landing.

- c. The Beaver Dam Lake Improvement is coordinating with the UW WRM Program, Nelson Environmental Inst., the scope and initial steps for the Beaver Dam Watershed study. Prepared a planning grants for WDNR review and ranking by WDNR Team for the requested funding for the proposed 2017 projects. BDLIA offered to buy a Kayak pier for Derge Park which is under review by Dodge Co. Parks Dept. for ADA compliance.
19. Correspondence. Dodge County Conservation providing BDLIA a letter supporting BDLIA grant request to identify water quality improvement measures within the watershed. In another letter, DNR said that CAFO's can write their own applications for permits which will continue to be reviewed by the DNR.
20. Per Diem - Bill moved and Dick seconded to approve per diems.
21. Next Meeting Date. The committee agreed to continue with the fourth Monday of the month which is January 23.
22. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before this committee, Allen moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. Motion carried.



Larry Bischoff, Chair



Lisa Derr, Secretary

